



Captain Douglas J. Wisniewski

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Captain Douglas J. Wisniewski is a native of Toledo, Ohio. He was commissioned in May 1979 following graduation from the United States Coast Guard Academy. He became the Coast Guard Pacific Area Chief of Staff in December, 2007.

Captain Wisniewski was previously assigned as Deputy Director for Response at Coast Guard Headquarters. He was the 39th Commandant of Cadets at the Coast Guard Academy from 2003 until 2006. He was Commanding Officer of the Coast Guard's only enlisted accession training command, Recruit Training Center Cape May, New Jersey from 2001-2003. He commanded USCGC SASSAFRAS in Honolulu, Hawaii from 1993-1996. He was designated as a Coast Guard Cutterman in 1994. His other assignments include Coast Guard Leadership and Management School, Yorktown, Virginia from 1983-1985, Company Officer, Coast Guard Academy, New London, Connecticut from 1989-1991, and Director, Cadet Leadership Program, Coast Guard Academy from 1991-1993.



Captain Wisniewski was staff civil engineer at Training Center Yorktown, Virginia from 1981-1983 and at Base Honolulu, Hawaii from 1985-1987. He also served the Coast Guard's Chief of Staff as a Program Reviewer, and later as Chief of Personnel Allowance Division, at Coast Guard Headquarters from 1996-2000.

Captain Wisniewski holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering with High Honors from the United States Coast Guard Academy, a Master of Science Degree in Engineering Administration from The George Washington University, and Master of Science Degree in National Security Strategy from the National War College. His personal awards include the Legion of Merit (three awards), Meritorious Service Medal, Coast Guard Commendation Medal (three awards), Coast Guard Achievement Medal, and the Commandant's Letter of Commendation.